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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 255

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Probation Officer Salaries.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kenley

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the county fiscal body to establish a salary schedule for probation officers in consultation with judges and probation officers.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Any changes in the county expenditures for probation officer salaries will depend on the fiscal conditions of the county and if different arrangements are made by the county fiscal body as opposed to the court which employs the probation officers.

Under current law, the court which employs probation officers has sole authority to establish the salaries of probation officers as long as the salaries meet the minimal standards set by the Indiana Judicial Conference. Under this bill, the county fiscal body would adopt a salary schedule in consultation with at least one judge and at least one probation officer. The salary schedule would be required to meet the minimum compensation requirements of the Indiana Judicial Conference.

In CY 2001, counties employed an estimated 1,125 full-time and part-time probation officers and supervisory staff and spent \$35.2 M on salaries for these individuals. Probation user fees are to be used to cover a portion of the salaries of probation officers. In CY 2001, counties collected \$12.5 M in probation user fees, representing 35% of salary expenditures for probation officers.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County fiscal bodies.

Information Sources: *CY 2001 Indiana Judicial Report* and *CY 2001 Probation Report*.

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